

Report to Council



Date: February 9, 2016

File: 1840-10

To: City Manager

From: B. Davidson, Parks Planner, Infrastructure Planning

Subject: Renaming McCarren, Tulameen and Providence Neighbourhood Parks and Rockview Natural Area Park

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Parks Planner dated February 9, 2016, regarding renaming McCarren, Tulameen, Providence and Mountainside Neighbourhood Parks and Rockview Natural Area Park.

AND THAT Council direct staff to consolidate McCarren, Tulameen and Providence neighbourhood parks to become one neighbourhood park named 'Providence Park'.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to consolidate Mountainside neighbourhood park and Rockview natural area park to become one natural area park named 'Mountainside Park'.

Purpose:

To provide direction to staff in order to help establish the scope of a 2016 capital signage project currently in the planning stage

Background:

Council has approved funding within the 2016 provisional capital budget for Park Entrance Signage. Staff have identified that parks with no existing entry signs be the priority for consideration including several parks that are immediately adjacent to each other in the Kettle Valley Neighbourhood.

Proposed Providence Park

McCarren Park, Providence Park and Tulameen Park are three existing parks aligned on an axis that read as one park (see Attachment A - Location Plan, and Attachment B - Overview Photo). All three developed parks have been assigned the neighbourhood park classification. In an effort to help reduce confusion and in order to limit the number of entry signs required, staff recommend consolidating these three parks to have one name.

These parks form a central spine through the Kettle Valley neighbourhood and two of the three parks have frontage on Providence Avenue, therefore it is recommended that the new official park name become Providence Park.

Proposed Mountainside Park

Further to this, Mountainside Park and Rockview Park read as one contiguous natural area park. These two parks are separated from McCarren Park, Providence Park and Tulameen Park by both Chute Lake Road, which is a two lane divided arterial, and a parallel frontage road. The prominent feature of the Mountainside / Rockview Park site is a significant bedrock outcropping that provides panoramic views of Okanagan Lake. With the exception of the Chute Lake Road frontage, both of these parks are undeveloped.

Internal Circulation:

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Existing Policy:

Policy 251, the Park Naming Policy, states that parks shall be given names that follow the adjacent street names, and where the adjacent street has already been used to name a park or if the park is higher profile in nature then a name will be chosen to describe the neighbourhood for neighbourhood parks or the name of the community.

Communications Comments:

A public notice was placed in the local paper under the "City in Action" banner and interested residents were invited to comment. No comments have been received to date.

Staff notified the developer, the Village of Kettle Valley President and General Manager of Land Development, and no objections were received.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Financial / Budgetary Considerations:
Legal/Statutory Authority:
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:
Personnel Implications:
External Agency/Public Comments:
Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by:

B. Davidson, Parks Planner, Infrastructure Planning

Approved for inclusion:

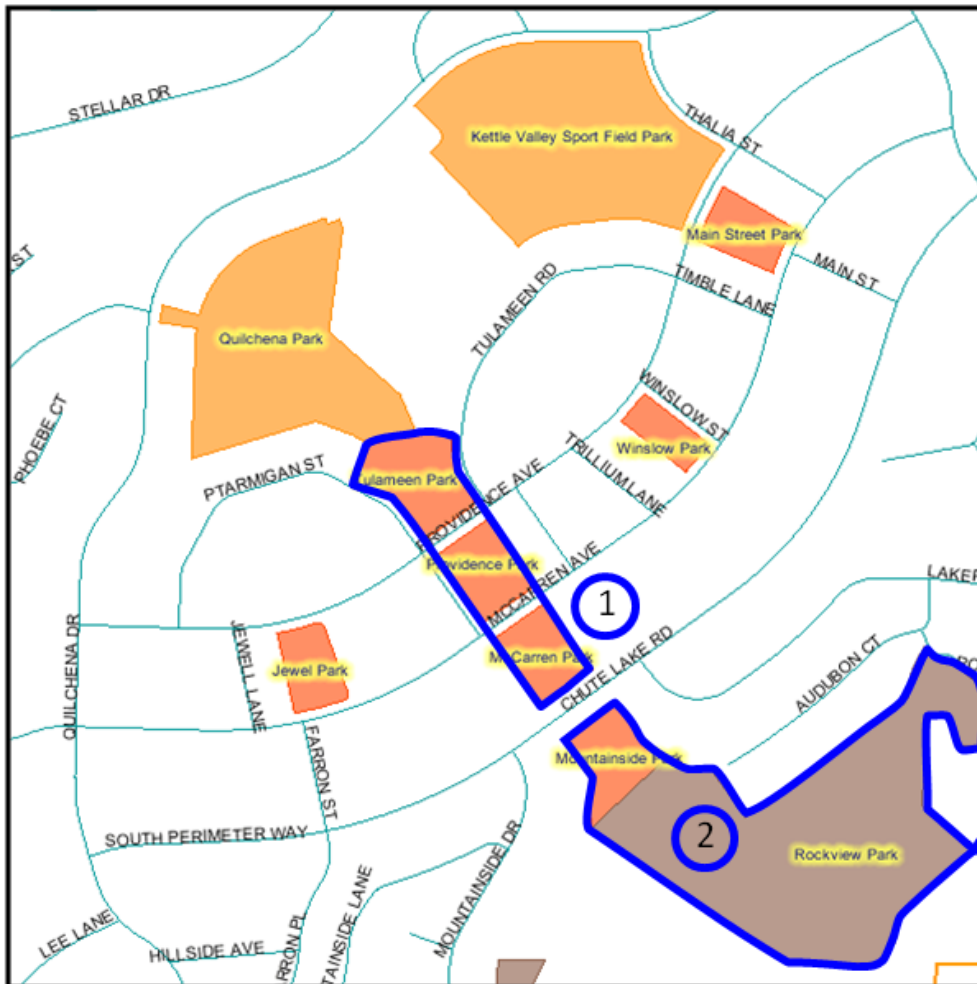


A. Newcombe, Infrastructure Divisional Director

Encl. Attachment A: Location Plan
Attachment B: Overview Photograph

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Attachment A: Location Plan



- 1 Proposed Providence Park
- 2 Proposed Mountainside Park

Attachment A: Kettle Valley Park System - Location Plan
January 8, 2016

Attachment B: Overview Photograph



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